

**DODGE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
127 EAST OAK STREET
JUNEAU, WI 53039
NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on November 16, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Larry Bischoff, Bill Foley, Howard Kriewald, and Bill Muche.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, John Bohonek and Robert Bird, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD); and Jim Mielke, County Administrator.

Others Present: Ruth Johnson; Lake Sinissippi Improvement District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Muche to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of October 26, 2015 as sent by mail; seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: There were no public appearances/comments.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: There were no agency advisor reports.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUE: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS: Motion by Muche to approve signing new and revised conservation plans; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES: Robert Bird described activities and progress made with nutrient management planning in Dodge County, and with training farmers to write their own nutrient management plans. Over 260 Dodge County farmers, representing nearly 101,000 cropland acres, have been trained to write their own nutrient management plans. Nutrient management plan checklists were submitted by 575 farmers for the 2015 cropping season, representing over 120,000 cropland acres.

LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE REPORT: Marc Bethke distributed copies of the November report of cost-share activities under the Land & Water Resource Management Program (see attached report).

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM – NOTICES OF NONCOMPLIANCE: Four participants of the Farmland Preservation Program have not certified compliance with conservation requirements of the program in 2015, and were considered for issuance of notices of noncompliance. Motion by Nelson to issue Farmland Preservation Program Notices of Noncompliance to Don Hill, Town of Leroy; Richard and Gail Christian, Town of Theresa; Tom and Christilyn Meyer, Town of Portland; and Benjamin and Veronica Schuett, Town of Oak Grove; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Dale Macheel reported that the Fox Lake Inland Lake District discussed issues related to the sewer system at their last meeting. Dale also reported that the lake district will be submitting a grant application for a nitrogen reduction project in the Drew Creek Watershed. Bill Muche reported that the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District has been working on repairing the geo-tube, a pelican habitat project, a private well water sampling program, and fish stocking activities. Bill Foley reported that Montgomery Engineering continues to assist the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association prepare a plan to implement conservation practices as part of the Beaver Dam Lake Management Plan. Bill also reported that several DNR officials reviewed practices installed on three lake properties under the Healthy Lakes Program.

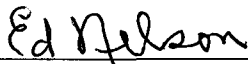
CORRESPONDENCE: Marc Bethke shared a copy of a letter sent to Fox Lake's Inland Lake District environmental consultant Neal O'Reilly in support of a grant application for a nitrogen reduction project in the Drew Creek Watershed.

PER DIEMS: Motion by Kriewald, seconded by Muche to approve the regular per diems, plus the following: Dale Macheel – Fox Lake Inland Lake District Meeting on November 12, 2015 – per diem and 22 miles. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

TOUR OF FARMS: The committee left Meeting Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building to tour farms in northwestern Dodge County. The committee returned from the farm tour at 2:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Nelson to adjourn at 2:00 PM, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.



Ed Nelson, Chair



Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM REPORT

October 27, 2015 - November 16, 2015

Cost Share Agreements Signed

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Committed to Agreements)</u>
Total		

Cost Share Payments to Landowners

<u>(Name)</u>	<u>(Cons. Practice)</u>	<u>(\$ Expended)</u>
Dodge County Highway Comm	Well Decommissioning	\$308.00
Kelly & Amy Thomas	Well Decommissioning	\$764.40
Tom & Debra Leigl	Well Decommissioning	\$756.00
Total		\$1,828.40

NOVEMBER 2015 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Prepare information and post 2001 Chevy S-10 Pickup Truck for sale on Wisconsin Surplus Auction Website – sale concludes November 17th
- Attended/participated in special Finance Committee Budget Review Meeting on October 27th
- Met with DNR staff on November 3rd regarding Dodge County's portion of the Rock River TMDL Implementation Plan
- Participated in conference call on November 5th with Fox Lake consultant Neil O'Reilly regarding UW-Milwaukee student buffer research project
- Reviewed air photos for Town of Herman to identify prospective projects and future contacts for soil erosion control and water quality protection work
- Waiting for responses from Nonpoint Source ad hoc committee to set meeting date in early December – have prepared some information to prompt discussion at the meeting
- Continue to sell small packets of trees – sales are similar to this time last year